

REMARKS

This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 25-33, drawn to a tracheal tube cover and assembly, classified in class 604, subclass 512.
- II. Claims 9-24 and 34-40, drawn to a method for topically anesthetizing tracheal surfaces, classified in class 604, subclass 512.

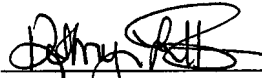
Applicant respectfully elects Invention II, and claims 9-24 and 34-40 readable thereon, without traverse. Non-elected claims 1-8 and 25-33 have been canceled herein, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the Remarks contained therein, Applicant's representative would welcome the opportunity to discuss the same with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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